

The CRANBOURNE Catch Up

School Newsletter



Edition 3: December 2023

A Message From Miss Conlon...

After an abrupt end to our Autumn Term, I thought it pertinent to look back and reflect on everything that has happened, what we have achieved and what we remember.

It has been wonderful to see the Year 7s settle into Cranbourne creating a harmonious buzz around the school. With so many more students in school now, it feels like a hive of activity with them engaging in their lessons and taking part in extracurricular activities.

Last term, we had hundreds of visitors through the school starting with the Open Evening and Open Mornings early in September. A huge thank you to the students who have been ambassadors for the school and taken on that leadership responsibility.

Celebration was one of the themes towards the end of the term. We welcomed back Year 12 for their GCSE Graduation Ceremony and held the first Rewards Evening of the school year, where more than 100 students were given Subject Awards. A special congratulations goes to Dolly-May S in Year 8 who won the Headteachers Award for her whole school contribution.

Last term saw the introduction of our Compass Unit and the four dedicated rooms, North, South, East and West which provides stability for students who may need some additional support. The Lighthouse enables us to deliver bespoke intervention programmes, and all staff at Cranbourne have completed Thrive Training, which focuses on the emotional needs of students and the neuroscience behind it. In the last week of term, we had 11 students complete their Mental Health Ambassador training.

Green Cranbourne continues to grow. In November, the first Big Cranbourne Clear Up took place with 36 students taking to the surrounding streets of Cranbourne and collecting 19kg of rubbish. Ambassadors met with representatives from Hampshire County Council and gave feedback on how their commute to school could be improved and the new A30 change. At the end of December, students supported us in planting 120 trees on the Cranbourne site donated by the Woodland Trust. Each tree was planted with a message to Year 8 student Jensen, who sadly passed away in October.

The community at Cranbourne is very special to me and last term we were able to support even more. We now proudly work in partnership with the Community Food Link, to offer The Cranbourne Food Pantry, which open every Thursday from 11am until 12.30pm for anyone who needs it – no questions asked.

Another first for Cranbourne is the Christmas Shop, organised by Mrs Reddy and her team. Lots of donations came into school from staff and friends for students to purchase wrapped gifts for their family, by using their House Points.

I would like to thank everyone in our community for their contribution to Cranbourne and hope you all had a well-deserved rest over the holiday period. It was disappointing to have closed a day early last term, and to have to delay reopening due to a gas leak that was discovered on site. I really appreciate your patience and support in dealing with this unforeseen issue. As we welcome students back to school, I look forward to seeing what the Spring Term will bring.

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AUTUMN REWARDS' EVENING

On Wednesday 6 December, our Autumn Rewards' Evening took place, where we hosted an evening of excellence celebrating our student's achievements. An incredible 106 students were nominated across all of our subject areas for their outstanding attitudes to learning.

Our talented Cranbourne Vocal Band treated us to a stunning performance of 'Let it Be', and parents were treated to mince pies and mulled wine by our Canteen staff. Dolly-May S took home the prestigious Headteacher's Award for her excellent contributions to the school community and beyond.



GCSE GRADUATION EVENING

At the end of November, we had the opportunity to welcome back the Year 11 students who left Cranbourne in the summer for their GCSE Graduation Ceremony.

Teachers were asked to nominate one pupil from their subject areas who showed excellence during their time at Cranbourne to win awards. Well done to all the winners - your hard work and dedication is an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations to Ben M, who won the Headteacher's Award for being excellent in everything – the hard work and resilience you've shown really paid off, what fabulous results you achieved!

We're extremely proud of the achievements of our Cranbourne Community and wish them all the very best.



ATTENDANCE AT CRANBOURNE

WHY IS ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

In most things in life, 90% is a great achievement, but when we talk about school attendance, 90% is not good.

90% attendance means that a child is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half day every week. Over five years, this is the equivalent of about one half of a school year. Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life. This is why at Cranbourne we have set a target of 97% attendance for all students.

WHAT IS MY ROLE?

My role as Attendance Officer is to work with Heads of House, Tutors and CPP to manage attendance at Cranbourne. It is my objective to help all students at Cranbourne achieve excellent attendance, therefore if your child is struggling to come into school, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me! We can talk through any issues or barriers that they have, and then work together to find solutions and support them to come into school. It is important for you to know that we want to work in partnership with you and we are here to support your child to feel happy and thrive at Cranbourne.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

The most important thing you can do is keep us updated about your child and any attendance issues. Email student.absence@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk or call 01256 868600 to speak to your child's CPP to report an absence or leave a message.

Make appointments outside of school hours. If this is not possible, we would be grateful if you could send us a screenshot or copy of appointment details so that we can keep the information on our system and code your child's absence correctly in our registers.

Please notify us as early as possible or by 8.30am, if your child will be absent from school. Please let us know the reason for absence and when you think they will return to school.

If we do not hear from you then CPP will call you to find out the whereabouts of your child. If you do not answer the call or call us back to let us know why your child is absent, it may mean that your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised or in some circumstances, we may come and do a home visit to check everything is ok.

Further information on reporting an absence can be found on our website at <https://www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/parents/cranbourne-parent-partners/reporting-a-student-absence/>

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SKI TRIP 2023

Mr Kimber here, reporting in the New Year having 'almost' recovered from a tiring but brilliant Ski Trip! This year's trip began with something we'd never experienced before - a last minute venue change from the Spanish Pyrenees to Kitzbuhel, Austria!

Historically, the Pyrenees has a great snow record, however this year the Alps had received an abundance of snow as the weather swerved Northern Spain! Moving to a new resort and country a day before departure certainly made for complications, but it was a good decision and we were able to provide our students with lasting memories of blue sky and tonnes of snow.

As you will see from the pictures, Kitzbuhel is a beautiful town and the surrounding areas are stunning. The ski area is huge and home to the legendary Hahnenkamm downhill run. This is said to be the hardest of all the European races, so be sure to check out Ski Sunday on 21 January to see where we were so lucky to have skied this year!

I must thank all of the staff who at the end of a long term, gave up their time to enable the trip to run and also for their hard work in making such a complicated process run smoothly. If you have never been skiing, imagine taking 35 teenagers with 70 pairs of skis, poles, boots, gloves etc, etc, etc, who need to be out up and early having remembered everything and then taking them to the top of a mountain!

We bring back our intrepid youngsters as more rounded, experienced, confident and outward thinking individuals and it makes the whole thing very worthwhile. So much so, that we already have a provisional booking in place to go again next year! Announcement soon – watch this space!!

Finally – school trips take an awful lot of time to organise and all the support staff have our sincere thanks for helping the trip to lift off! Happy New Year from Mr Kimber and the ski team: Mrs Corrigan, Mr Ndlovu, Miss Welborn and Mr Adams.





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S CRANBOURNE ADVENTURE

Back in November, the Green Cranbourne Gardening Club were busy pulling weeds when they discovered a small hedgehog in trouble by one of our oak trees.

After digging up some worms for him to eat, the students built him a nest out of hay and named him Sonic.

We are happy to report that Sonic was collected by a rescue service and taken for some treatment, where he is now happily settled with some food in his belly and getting ready for hibernation!



WHAT ARE E-SCOOTERS?

“Powered transporters” is a term used to cover a variety of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor, including e-scooters. Given how powered transporters are motorised and designed, they fall within the legal definition of a “motor vehicle”.

WHAT DOES THE LEGISLATION SAY?

The laws that apply to motor vehicles apply to powered transporters. It is illegal to use a powered transporter:

- On a public road without complying with a number of legal requirements, which potential users will find very difficult
- In spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes

At the moment, e-scooters are covered by the same legislation as motor vehicles and are subject to all the same legal requirements - MOT, tax, licensing and specific construction regulations.

WHERE CAN AN E-SCOOTER BE LEGALLY USED?

A privately-owned e-scooter can only legally be used on private land and with the permission of the land owner. There are currently trials taking place in limited areas of the country.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF AN E-SCOOTER IS USED ON A PUBLIC ROAD?

Any person who uses a powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space in breach of the law is committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted. Some of the potential offences committed can include driving without a valid licence and driving without insurance. The penalty for driving without insurance is a fine of £300 and up to 6 points on your driving licence if you have one. Legislation covering careless and inconsiderate driving (section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988), dangerous driving (section 2 of the Road Traffic Act 1988), and even causing death by dangerous driving (section 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988) would also be applicable.

CAN MY CHILD USE AN E-SCOOTER FOR THEIR SCHOOL COMMUTE?

We ask that because it would be breaking the law, no Cranbourne student uses an e-scooter to commute to school. If one is used, it will be confiscated and a parent/carer asked to come and collect it at the end of the school day.

HOMWORK, EQUIPMENT, PUNCTUALITY AND UNIFORM SUPPORT (HEPU)

At Cranbourne we believe in giving all students a wholesome approach to their education, including academic skills, civic values and how to develop their organisational skills, which are so important in becoming successful adults. To promote this, we have the after-school sessions called HEPUs.

Students who have not completed their homework for their teachers before the agreed deadline, haven't got the right equipment, are late to lesson or are not wearing the correct uniform are placed in a 25-minute session where they will be supported in developing their organisational skills. The sessions take place at the end of the day, and we aim to inform parents between 13:00 and 14:00, so any transportation arrangements can be made and a conversation can be had about the reason to be placed in a HEPUs.

Students who fail to attend HEPUs will have to do a 40-minute session the next day, and students who deliberately refuse to attend, thus being defiant to their teachers, are placed in an hour detention after a conversation with parents. We encourage students to attend, and teachers check their registers during the last school period to remind students marked for a HEPUs session, but ultimately they have the responsibility of attending.

If you have any questions or queries about HEPUs in general or about a session given to your child, you can contact the school reception or email p.cuevas@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk to contact Mr Cuevas, who runs the HEPUs every evening.

CRANBOURNE CAREERS FAIR

Are you passionate about your job or the industry you work for?

We are looking for businesses and employers to attend our upcoming Careers Fair on Thursday 11 January. We'd love for you to come and talk to our students about what you do and the pathway into your career.

Please email p.day@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk for more information.

CRANBOURNE CAREERS FAIR - 11TH JANUARY

We Are Looking For

BUSINESSES & EMPLOYERS TO EXHIBIT AT OUR CAREERS FAIR

If you do an exciting job and would be happy to run a stall at the Careers Fair to showcase your career and the work your company does, we would love to hear from you.

Please email Ms Day to sign up
p.day@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk

YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL



The boys were extremely unlucky in their semi-final game, losing by only one goal.

They kept their morals high and went into the 3rd/4th playoffs with a positive attitude winning the match 5-1. Including an absolute screamer from Ismet and a hat trick from Danny!

The boys were impeccable and were a credit to the school. Various teachers from other schools also highlighted and stated how well the boys conducted themselves compared to other schools. Well done boys!

Year 7 Team: Hayden S, Ben G, Dan J, Ethan T, Nat C, Owen B, Nate B, Danny H, Harry H, Parker V, Ismet D, Connor C

YEAR 9 NETBALL SEMI-FINALS

The Year 9 netball team played fantastically in their semi-final match. It was a fantastic achievement that they made it to the semi-finals, and they were a testament to Cranbourne, by demonstrating great passion, teamwork and resilience.

Unfortunately, we lost the game however the girls should still hold their heads high as they worked brilliantly together.

All of the girls were amazing but special mentions go to Fatima and Elise for being awarded players player.

Year 9 Team: Isla D, Poppy F, Fatima C, Dulcie C, Sophia G, Amalie F, Elise W



PRIMARY RUGBY FESTIVAL AT CRANBOURNE

On a very chilly December 1st, we were joined by Year 4's from Oakley & Winklebury Junior School and Chiltern Primary School for a festival of rugby led by Chineham Rugby Football Club coaches.

Witnessing the challenge and fun that was had by the students was fantastic to see, and the skill development during the first half of the session was good practice for the team games of tag that finished off a super afternoon. We loved hosting this event, and can't wait to do it again in the future!



THE CRANBOURNE FOOD PANTRY OPENS

We are very pleased to announce that The Cranbourne Food Pantry is now open. On Thursday 7 December, the pantry opened its' doors for the first time, inviting members of our school and cluster community to come and collect fresh produce, bakery items, canned goods and toiletries.

Supported by The Community Food Link, the pantry is open every Thursday between 11am and midday – no questions asked. We're really excited to be able to offer this to our local community. Donations are welcome and can be dropped off in Reception.



MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS



Some of our incredible students completed their mental health ambassador training with the NHS before the Christmas holidays.

Well done to Jess D, Melissa W, Calvyn D, Evie G, Maisie K, Ashton H, Ginelle H, Lizzie G, Deborah A, Victory O and Lily May W.

VOTE FOR US IN THE TESCO STRONGER STARTS SCHEME

Vote for our Performing Arts Department in the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and support our wonderful students in putting on a showstopping performance of Legally Blonde Jr.

Each time you make a purchase at any of the Tesco stores below, you will receive a token which can then be used to vote for our project until 14 January. The project with the highest number of votes will receive a grant which will go towards costumes, set pieces and more.

Please do spread the word, and thank you for your support!

- Basingstoke Express (Town Centre – RG21 7LG)
- Basingstoke Oakridge Express (RG21 5SG)
- Popley Express (RG24 9DR)
- Chineham Lychpit Express (RG24 8TF)
- Kempshott Express (RG22 5NZ)
- Basingstoke Superstore (Chineham Shopping Centre – RG24 8BE)



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

It was great to see some of our Cranbourne Community attend the Remembrance Day service in town this year. Head Students Luize and Calum laid a wreath at the War Memorial Park in memory of those who gave their lives and fought for our country.



UPDATES FROM MR JULIFF IN PERFORMING ARTS

Wow, what an Autumn term! We have made it to the end and we have packed a lot in! As always I am so proud of how our students jump into the disciplines of both Drama and Dance with great gusto and show extra dedication by attending our after school clubs. Here are just a few snippets of what we have been up to:

YEAR 10 DRAMA

I want to say a massive well done to Year 10 Drama who have submitted their first piece of coursework. They have worked really hard and thought about everything in intrinsic detail.

YEAR 7 DRAMA

Year 7 have worked really well in their first term of Drama where they are now equipped with the 7 skills they will need on their Performing Arts journey here at Cranbourne! They have worked amazingly both in pairs and in solo work and I am very impressed with how willing they have been to perform. I am seeing a wealth of students showing signs of showmanship and performativity that I know will continue to grow and thrive!

Don't forget Year 7 Drama club is open to **ALL** Year 7 students and runs every Wednesday 3 to 4pm – why not come along?

This term, we need to bring grippy socks as we will be going back to the discipline of Dance looking at The Haka.

YEAR 8 DANCE

Both in mine and Mrs Vaughan's classes we have seen some excellent effort and attitudes from students when approaching their 'Virtual Reality' / Street fighter dances. They have also looked at the martial art of Capoeira whilst understanding safety in the dance studio and how to ensure we keep ourselves well hydrated and safe in the Arts.

This term, we will be looking at Stage Fighting and Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

O-MI-GOD, CRANBOURNE IS GOING PINK!

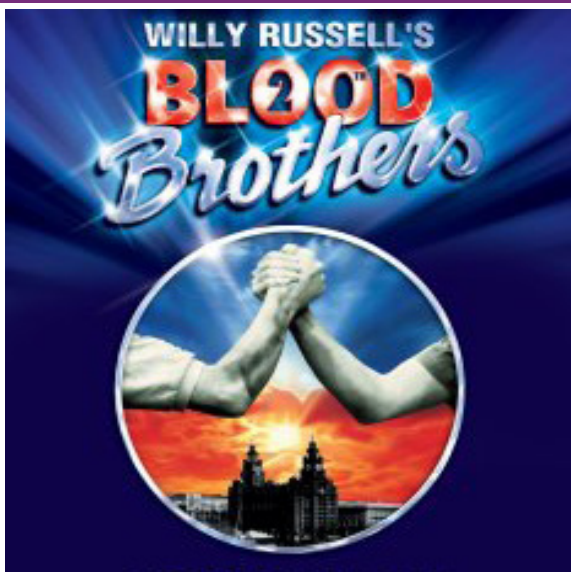
Rehearsals for this year's school production of Legally Blonde Jr are in full swing, and the students are working tirelessly to prepare. Please note: rehearsals in the new year will extend until 4.30pm. Please ensure your child stays for the whole rehearsal so we can get the most out of this time.

Tickets are now on sale via [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk). There are three performances for you to come and support our fantastically talented cast on 20, 21 and 22 March 2024. The show will start at 6pm in the Main Hall – get ready to bend and snap!

Until the end of January, we are running a discount so you can get 10% off your booking. Enter code '**OMIGOD10**' at the checkout.

To book tickets, visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school/cranbourne-performing-arts-presents-legally-blonde-jr/e-kdvlxk>

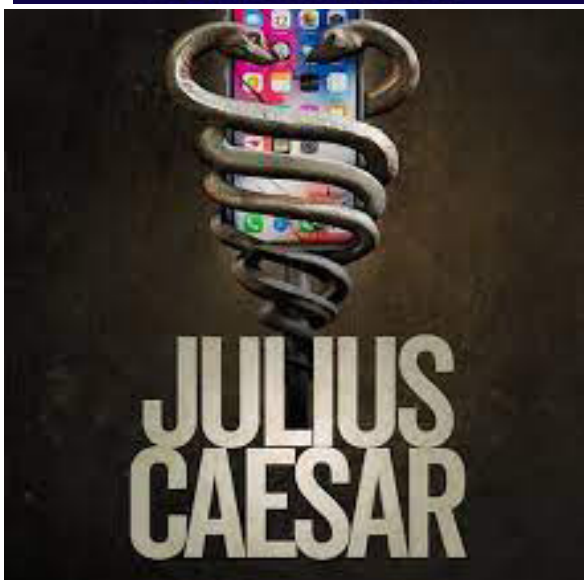
UPCOMING THEATRE TRIPS



Trip letters have been sent out to Years 9, Year 10 and Performing Arts Club members offering them the chance to go and see Blood Brothers on 27 February 2024 and Julius Caesar on 29 February 2024. Please ensure online medical forms are completed and payments are sent into Finance in a timely manner to ensure your child's place is secured.

'Alsoooooo dearies', keep your eyes peeled for two more trips to be revealed – coming July 2024 and September 2024! 'How can you resist this?'

If you have any finance queries, please speak to finance@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk



CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN THE CANTEEN

At lunchtime on Wednesday 13 December, we got into the festive spirit and enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner. Students had the choice of turkey, gammon or a vegetarian option of butternut squash. A huge thank you to our Canteen team for all their hard work in preparing this for us all to enjoy!



CAROLS AT ROWAN LODGE



On 5 December, the Cranbourne Vocal Band visited Rowan Lodge in Hook to sing some carols and spread some Christmas cheer!

A big thank you to Mx Philo for organising the trip and to Mrs Gray for driving the minibus there.

CRANBOURNE CHRISTMAS SHOP OPENED FOR BUSINESS

Before the break, Cranbourne's Christmas Shop was open for invited students. We know Christmas can be a difficult time for families, and wanted to support our Cranbourne Community by providing students with the opportunity to select a gift for a loved one.

A big thank you to all our incredible members of staff for their generosity in donating gifts.



CRANBOURNE CLUSTER CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Students at our cluster schools have been working hard on their wonderful designs for our first annual Cranbourne Cluster Christmas Card Competition. It was an incredibly difficult decision to choose a winner as the standard was so high, but the results are in...

Our runners up are:

Nalika (Oakley Infant School - Year 2)
Sachika (Winklebury Junior School - Year 4)
Scarlett (Oakley Junior School - Year 5)

But, one design stood out to us and the winner is...

Alfred (Castle Hill Infant School - Year 2)

RECENT CREATIONS FROM THE CANTEN



Our amazing Canteen team are always hard at work creating tasty dishes for our staff and students to enjoy, and provide refreshments for our Cranbourne Community at events. Here's a few of the festive cakes and cookies they created for Halloween and Bonfire Night!

HAIR AND BEAUTY STUDENTS WOW IN THE SALON



On Tuesday 5 December, our Year 10 Hair and Beauty students had the opportunity to invite friends, family and members of staff into our salon lesson to enhance their shampooing and blow drying skills.

The students were very professional and showcased a range of skills and attributes that are used within the hair and beauty sector. Mrs Simpson was impressed with the high level of skills shown throughout, it was lovely to be able to welcome friends and family back into the salon lesson for the first time since Covid!

A30 ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME

In December, a small group of White House students worked with members of Hampshire County Council on the A30 Active Travel Scheme. The scheme aims to collect feedback on how to improve the streets in the local area to make them better to walk and cycle along.



Students walked around the local area and then added their ideas to a map: green dots for areas that were good (felt safe, clearly sign posted, well lit), yellow dots for areas that needed some improvement, and red dots for areas that required significant improvement (e.g. Winchester Road bus stops at the end of Wessex Close!).

The students were really conscientious and thought about lots of different types of road users, not just themselves. Thank you to Jill for a productive and interesting morning, and we look forward to welcoming her back in 2024 to work on the project further!

You can share your thoughts by visiting <https://basingstoke-a30-hampshireonline.hub.arcgis.com/>

GREEN CRANBOURNE

Before the summer holidays, our Green Cranbourne Gardening Club were hard at work creating our new vegetable patch. Back in November, they were able to harvest our first crop of peppers!

The wonderful canteen staff used them in the vegetable chow mein and homemade spring rolls that were served to staff and students. This is the first step to helping Cranbourne become more sustainable and self-sufficient!

A big thank you to Mr Target, Mrs Blackburn, Miss James, the Canteen team and of course, the students in Gardening Club!



THE BIG CRANBOURNE CLEAR UP



Our first Big Cranbourne Clear Up on Friday 17 November was a huge success! The team, armed with bin bags and litter pickers kindly supplied to us by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council ventured out around Wessex Close, the footpath leading up to Winchester Road roundabout and the underpass by Cranbourne.

They collected an impressive 19kg of rubbish and 13kg of recycling which included an abandoned camera case and one lonely, lost crutch. Out of all the recycling collected, only 1.5kg was found on the school site – a testament to how responsibly our Cranbourne Community dispose of waste!

A big thank you to Mr Searby, Miss James and Mr Targett for organising and supervising the students at our very first Big Cranbourne Clear Up! Well done to all the students who got involved, they behaved impeccably and are a true asset to our school!

TREE PLANTING IN MEMORY OF JENSEN



At the end of last term, our students supported us in planting 120 trees in memory of Jensen M.

The trees, varying from Hazelnut, Rowan and Oak, have been planted in our back field where they will have plenty of space to thrive and grow for many years to come.

Students wrote their favourite memories of Jensen on tags which were then tied around the branches. David in Year 7 commented "the trees will grow with our memories of Jensen".

This is one of many things Cranbourne will be doing to honour Jensen's life.

UK BEBRAS COMPUTATIONAL THINKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all of our GCSE Computer Science students who participated in the UK Bebras Competition back in November. Nationally, there were 38,413 participants in the senior age group.

A particular well done to Roman A, Antoni K and Manjil S who were the top 3 participants in school.

Roman will now go on to the Oxford University Coding Competition. Good luck!

OAKLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL VISITS CRANBOURNE

Students from Oakley Junior School visited Cranbourne for two sessions planned and led by our Year 9 Cranbourne+ students as part of their development programme.

On 30 November, the first group of Year 4 students participated in a STEM activity where students experimented with structures made from blu-tac and spaghetti and put their problem-solving skills to the test. They then enjoyed a great game of benchball in the gym – where they were joined by Santa!



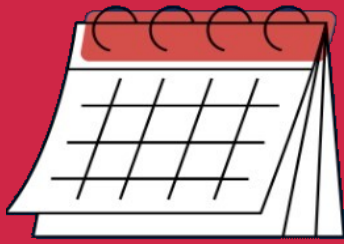
The event provided the opportunity for those involved to develop teamwork, confidence, communication and logical decision making.

The second session, which took place on 7 December, saw students engage in an active PE session followed by a music extravaganza! Students led with total confidence and the Year 4's had a fantastic time.

The Oakley Juniors students were accompanied by their class teacher, Miss Rahman, who was a former pupil at Cranbourne! This made the sessions much more special, and we loved welcoming her back.

A big well done to all the Cranbourne students involved - you did an excellent job and should be very proud of yourselves!





CATCH UP CALENDAR!

What's on in the weeks ahead...

Careers Fair: Thursday 11 January

Year 11 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 17 January

Year 7 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 24 January

Year 9 Teenage Booster Immunisations: Monday 29 January



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